Soule Family Fellowship

Kendall Hardy

For the past couple of years I have been working as a biological technician on a botany crew in the South Puget Sound prairies. We perform assessments on the prairies of Joint Base Lewis-McChord that evaluate the habitat quality for several federally listed endangered Species: the Mazama pocket gopher, the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, and the streaked horned lark. The research that I conduct promotes environmental health and influences where military training can be performed based on the quality of the prairie. Higher quality prairies have less military traffic due to the crucial habitat they provide for endangered species.

Jacob Meyers

In January I started working at the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy in the horticulture and forestry department. Our primary function is to maintain ecological homeostasis in the city’s parks. Amazingly, after just two months I’ve already left a lasting impact. In addition to removing invasive species, every tree branch we prune affects the Pittsburgh landscape for years to come. My intention is to leave behind healthy, beautiful trees that are a delight for future generations. I’m consistently reminded how wonderful, important, and lovely it is to work and “play” outdoors during an era when we spend most of our time inside.

Brian Stewart

I have completely thrown myself into the study of the environment, pushing myself to excel at the academic curriculum. My interest has only grown overtime, perpetuating my educational ambitions and pushing me towards ever higher levels of educational understanding. My new paradigm is one of seeking solutions to environmental challenges, asking the questions, what can I do to preserve, conserve, educate and facilitate environmental stewardship and sustainability? I am now actively seeking ways in which I can help to guarantee a working planet for my children’s children.